

**AGENDA ITEM 9:            Receive report on Delta invasive aquatic weed control effort**

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Requested Action: **None**

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Background: Chairman Ruhstaller and Vice-Chair Piepho have been working with researchers at the USDA Agricultural Research Service to develop a research program for long-term management and control of invasive aquatic weeds in the Delta and addressing attendant problems (mosquito abatement among them).

Invasive aquatic weeds are a significant problem in the Delta and are especially damaging to selected water intake and conveyance facilities and to recreational boating, among other impacts. These weeds, including Brazilian waterweed, water hyacinth, Uruguayan primrose-willow, Eurasian watermilfoil, South American sponge plant, and giant reed, need a targeted and integrated approach for control.

The attached document describes the problem, assesses current efforts to control these invasive weeds, and outlines next steps to advance planning for a comprehensive control effort.

Vice-Chair Piepho intends to report on this effort at the April 9 Delta Stewardship Council Implementation Committee meeting.